WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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An apparatus, comprising:

a first member;

a second member releasably attached to the first member; and

a control line shear mechanism.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first and second members each have a longitudinal bore therethrough.

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The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:

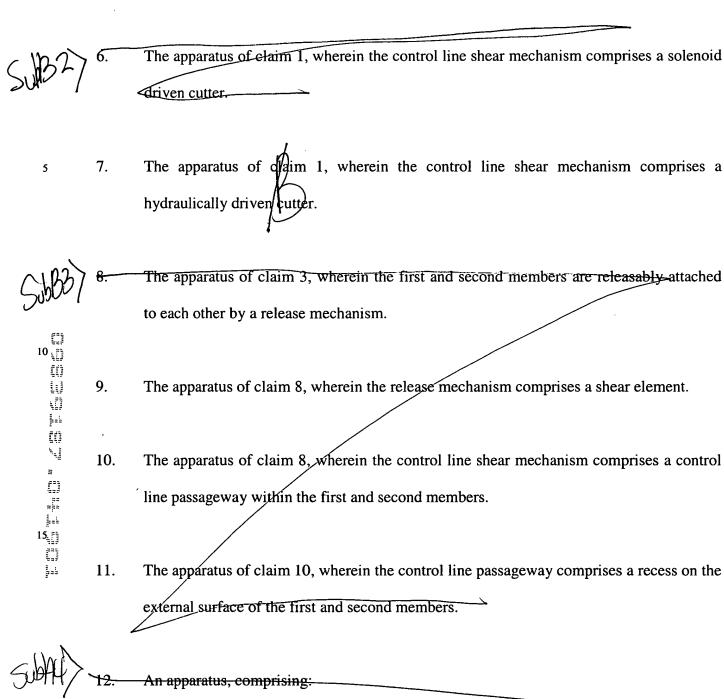
the first and second members are moveable in an axial direction to release from one another;

the control line shear mechanism comprises a first shear member attached to the first member and a second shear member attached to the second member; and the first and second shear members are adapted to cooperatively shear a control line as the first and second members separate.

- 4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the control line shear mechanism is integral to the first and second member.
- 5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the control line shear mechanism is attached to the first and second members.

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a first tubular member;

one another;

the first and second tubular members are moveable in an axial direction to release from

a second tubular member releasably attached to the first tubular member;

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a control line shear mechanism comprising a first and second control line shear member; the first control line shear member being attached to the first tubular member; the second control line shear member being attached to the second tubular member; and the first and second control line shear members are adapted to cooperatively shear a control line as the first and second tubular members separate.

13. A shear sub, comprising:

a first member;

a second member releasably attached to the first member;

the first and second members defining a control line passageway; and

the control line passageway comprising a pair of shearing blades adapted to shear a control line during release.

- 14. The shear sub of claim 13, wherein the control line passageway is positioned at an angle to the direction of release.
- 15. The shear sub of claim 14 wherein the control line passageway comprises a recess on the external surface of the first and second members.
- 16. The shear sub of claim 14, wherein the control line passageway comprises a passageway enclosed within the first and second members.

17. A control line cutting mechanism comprising:

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- 18. The control line cutting mechanism of claim 17, wherein the driver comprises a solenoid.
- 19. The control line cutting mechanism of claim 17, wherein the driver comprises a hydraulic actuated driver.
- 20. The control line cutting mechanism of claim 17, wherein the control line cutting mechanism is attached to a tubular string.
- 21. A method, comprising:
 separating a first member from a second member; and

before or during the separating step, cutting a control line proximal to the point of separation of the first and second members.

- 22. The method of claim 21, wherein the first and second members comprise a safety joint.
- 23. The method of claim 22, wherein the safety joint is used to connect two segments of a tubular string within a wellbore.
- 24. The method of claim 23, wherein the safety joint comprises a control line cutting mechanism that cuts the control line as the first and second members are separated.

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separating the tubular string at the safety sub; and

cutting the control line with the control line cutting mechanism.

30. The method of claim 29, further comprising:



femoving the upper portion of the separated tubular string and the upper portion of the sheared control line from the well.